# **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS**

BILL #: HB 1613 SPONSOR(S): Seiler

**Boating Safety** 

**TIED BILLS:** 

IDEN./SIM. BILLS: SB 2408

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	
1) Public Lands & Water Resources (Sub)		Camechis	Lotspeich	
2) Natural Resources				
3) Appropriations				
4)				
5)				

#### **SUMMARY ANALYSIS**

This bill authorizes the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to provide self-study boating safety manuals to counties that do not have access to instruction courses offered by the Commission.

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#### **FULL ANALYSIS**

#### I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

#### A. DOES THE BILL:

1.	Reduce government?	Yes[]	No[]	N/A[x]
2.	Lower taxes?	Yes[]	No[]	N/A[x]
3.	Expand individual freedom?	Yes[]	No[]	N/A[x]
4.	Increase personal responsibility?	Yes[]	No[]	N/A[x]
5.	Empower families?	Yes[]	No[]	N/A[x]

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

# B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

# **Present Situation**

Section 327.395(9), F.S., requires the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC) to establish and coordinate a statewide program of boating safety instruction and certification to ensure that boating courses and examinations are available in each county in the state.

# **Effect of Proposed Changes**

Section 327.395(9), F.S., is amended to authorize the FWCC to provide self-study boating safety manuals to counties that do not have access to instruction courses offered by the Commission.

# C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Amending s. 327.395, F.S., to authorize self-study manuals.

Section 2. Providing an effective date.

#### II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

#### A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues: None.

2. Expenditures: None.

#### B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues: None.

2. Expenditures: None.

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C.	DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR: This bill will decrease the cost of instruction for persons in areas that do not have access to FWCC instruction courses by enabling those persons to self-study rather than travel to the instruction course.
D.	FISCAL COMMENTS: None.
	III. COMMENTS
A.	CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:
	Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:  The bill does not affect municipal or county government.
	2. Other: None.
В.	RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY: None.
C.	DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS: Section 327.395(9), F.S., requires FWCC to ensure that boating courses and examinations are available "in each county of the state." This bill does not eliminate the requirement for courses in each county, but states that the FWCC will provide self-study manuals to any county without access to instruction courses. Therefore, there appears to be an inconsistency between new language and existing statutory language that will remain in effect if this bill becomes law.
	IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES
	None.

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